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Mayors of St. Louis and Milwaukee Agree to “Wager” a Charitable Contribution to the Rotary Foundation

The Mayor of the City that Wins the National League Pennant Will Designate an Honoree as an Outstanding Example of Community Service

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MILWAUKEE---With the Brewers and Cardinals facing off in the National League Championship Series, the Mayors of Milwaukee and St. Louis are putting a new twist on the traditional wager between top local elected officials. Through a partnership with their hometown Rotary Clubs, Mayor Francis Slay of St. Louis and Mayor Tom Barrett of Milwaukee have agreed the winning team's Mayor will designate a Paul Harris Fellowship to honor a citizen who is an outstanding example of community service. A charitable donation will be made in the honoree's name to the Rotary Foundation.

Typically, a Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation. A Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate, medallion, and lapel pin. The Rotary Foundation is internationally respected for its humanitarian work including its leading role in the global effort to eradicate polio.

"Rotary clubs have long traditions of service in Milwaukee, in St. Louis, and around the world. This friendly wager is an opportunity to highlight the good work undertaken by these clubs and the work of the Rotary Foundation," Mayor Barrett said. "And, while both baseball clubs are playing well this month, I have a lot of confidence that we will soon be honoring a Milwaukee resident as a new Paul Harris Fellow."

"The citizens of St. Louis are as well known for their commitment to volunteerism as they are for their love of baseball," said Mayor Slay. "We're fortunate to have an active Rotary Club in St. Louis - and through their generosity, one individual will be recognized for their community service. I'm looking forward to a Cardinals win - and to designate a St. Louisan to be honored with a donation in his or her name to the Rotary Foundation."

The best-of-seven game National League Championship Series began Sunday and continues all this week. If a seventh game is necessary, it will be played one week from today.

Rotary International has 1.2 million members and 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries. For over 100 years, Rotarians have provided humanitarian service encouraged high ethical standards, and built goodwill and peace.